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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE—HUA YUH U, Trader, lately engaged on business under the name of HUM WOO KI, 11, NEW WILLOW STREET, VICTORIA, Hongkong, having filed a Bankrupt under a Petition for Administration by LUI KING SHAN, a Creditor, filed in the Supreme Court of Hongkong in Bankruptcy on the 25th day of November, 1890, is hereby required to surrender himself to CHARLES FARNHAM, Esquire, the Deputy Registrar of the said Court, or to the Meeting of Creditors to be held by the said Deputy Registrar on SATURDAY, the 10th day of January, 1891, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

The said Charles Frederick Augustus Sangster, Esquire, is the Official Assignee and Mr. HO YUEN, is the Solicitor in the Bankruptcy.

At the First Meeting of Creditors the Deputy Registrar will receive the Proofs of the Debts of the Creditors, and the Creditors who shall have proved their Debts respectively, or the Majority in value of the Creditors, are hereby directed to choose at such meeting a Committee of Assignees of the Bankrupt's Estate and Effects to be called the Creditors' Assignees or Assessee.

All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt or having in their possession Property belonging to him are required not to pay or hand over the same to any Person or Persons other than the said Official Assignee.

HO YUEN,
Solicitor
for the Creditors
Hongkong, 27th December, 1890. [2735]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE is hereby given, That WILLIAM GOULBURN, of VICTORIA, in the Colony of HONGKONG, Second Clerk in the Public Works Department, having been adjudged Bankrupt under a Petition for Administration by the Honourable Court on the 18th day of December, 1890, is hereby required to surrender himself to CHARLES FARNHAM, Esquire, the Deputy Registrar of the said Court, or to the Meeting of Creditors to be held by the said Charles Frederick Augustus Sangster, Esquire, on THURSDAY, the 8th day of January, 1891, at 11 o'clock at the First Meeting of Creditors.

The said Charles Frederick Augustus Sangster is the Official Assignee and Messrs. EWING & REECE are the Solicitors in the Bankruptcy.

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EWING & REECE,
Solicitors in the Bankruptcy.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1890. [2735]

INTIMATIONS.

THE PIRATICAL ATTACK ON THE "NAMOA."

A REVISED AND COMPLETE ACCOUNT of the Piratical Attack, together with Report of Magisterial Enquiry and the latest Information, has been received and can be had at the Daily Press Office.

Price 25 cents Cash.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1890. [2665]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, That the THIRD CALL of £10 10s. 6d. Sterling per Share on the 20,000 Shares NEW ISSUE of this Corporation will fall due on the 31st December current in London, Calcutta, Bombay, Shanghai, and Hongkong.

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NOTICE is hereby given, That the First and Final CALL of LABUK PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, That the First and Final CALL of \$15 per SHARE for 18,000 Shares of \$10 each, payable on or before the 31st day of DECEMBER, 1890, and the said Shares will be liable to be FORWARDED, in accordance with provisions of Section X, Clause 1 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Board will pass the necessary resolution for the Forfeiture of the said Shares.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

J. MARINBURK,
Manager

Hongkong, 25th December, 1890. [2735]

THE MARINBURK FURNITURE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IT is hereby notified, That the FIRST CALL of FIVE DOLLARS (\$5) per Share on Shares in the above Company is Payable to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, or before MONDAY, the 15th JANUARY, 1891.

Interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum will be charged on all Calls overdue.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.
Agents

Hongkong, 17th December, 1890. [2681]

NOTICE OF THE CHINA BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

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ZETLAND LODGE, NO. 525.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above Lodge will be holding the Drawing-Room Suite, CHIMNEY GLASS, PICTURES, and ORNAMENTS.

TAPESTRY DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE consisting of TELESCOPE DINING TABLE, SIDEBOARD with GLASS BOTTLES, COCOON COVERED COUCH, EASY CHAIRS and CHAIRS, GORGONZA, CHOCOLATE, and STILTON CHEESE.

CHRISTMAS AND ASSORTED BISCUITS.

ICE WAFFLES, SHORTBREAD.

FEELING and ENGLISH CONFECTIONERY.

FANCY CHOCOLATE and CHOCOLATE CREAMS.

FANCY BONBON BOXES.

WINE, SPIRITS, LIQUEURS,

BEERS, &c.

OUR usual ASSORTMENT of various Brands.

ATAALA & CO'S EXTRA DRY CHAMPAGNE.

LANE CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1890. [2681]

AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION,

on MONDAY, the 29th DECEMBER, 1890,

at the Residence of the late Capt. T. G. POOCOCK,

UPPER WEST TERRACE EAST,

THE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, ETC.,

Concierge.

TAPESTRY DRAWING-ROOM SUITE,

CHIMNEY GLASS, PICTURES, and

ORNAMENTS.

ENGLISH MADE OAK DINING-ROOM FURNITURE consisting of TELESCOPE DINING TABLE, SIDEBOARD with GLASS BOTTLES, COCOON COVERED COUCH, EASY CHAIRS and CHAIRS,

CROCKERY, GLASS and PLATEDWARE.

DOUBLE IRON BEDSTEAD, Brass Mounted; IRON COATS, DOUBLE WING WALDRIDGE with Glass Door, American-made MARBLE FIRE BURNER with Glass Cover of DRAWERS, and MARBLE TOP WASHSTAND.

One GOTHIC PIANO by Collard and Collard.

SUNDAY PLANTS IN POTS.

Ac., &c.

TERMS OF SALE—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auditorium.

Hongkong, 25th December, 1890. [2735]

NOTICE OF CHRISTMAS DECORATION.

A quantity of the Latest Novelties Suitable for PRESENTS.

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DINNEFORD'S FLUID MAGNESIA.
The best Remedy for Aduity of the Stomach.
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For Headache and Headache.
DINNEFORD'S FLUID MAGNESIA.
For Gout and Indigestion.
DINNEFORD'S FLUID MAGNESIA.
A lotion and Aperient for Delicate Constitutions. Ladies, Children, and Invalids. Manufactured in Works, Chiswick, DINNEFORD & CO., Chiswick, London, and Druggists and Stoerkevers throughout the U.K.—Ask for DINNEFORD'S MAGNESIA. Agents—A. S. Watson & Co., Hongkong.

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HONGKONG TRADING CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1890.

WINES AND SPIRITS

BY APPOINTMENT.
A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.
(Established A.D. 1841.)
HONGKONG.

We invite attention to the following old labelled
Bottles, which are excellent quality and
good value for money.

The same being specially selected by our
London House, and bought direct from the most
noted Shippers, are imported in wood and bottled
by ourselves, thus enabling us to supply the best
growths at moderate prices.

In ordering it is only necessary to state
the quantity of Wine or Spirit wanted,
and initial letter for delivery desired.

PORTS. (For Inwards and general use.)

	Per Doz.	Cases. Per Doz.
A. Alto Douro, good quality, Green Capsule.	10	81.00
B. Vintage, superior quality, Red Capsule.	12	1.10
C. Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal.	14	1.25
D. Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled).	18	1.50

SHERRIES.

A. Delicate Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capsule.

B. Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal.

C. Malmsey, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule.

C. Superior Old Dry, Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule.

D. Very Superior Old Pale, dinner wine, White Seal Capsule.

E. Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very finest quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bottled).

F. Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, dinner wine, White Seal Capsule (Old Bottled).

CLARETS.

A. Superior Breakfast Claret, Red Capsule.

B. Superior Old Pale, Red Capsule.

C. St. Julian.

D. La Rose.

Per Doz. Cases. Per Bot.

BRANDY.

A. Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capsule.

B. Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule.

C. Very Superior Cognac, Red Capsule.

D. Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur, Cognac.

E. Fine Old Cognac, Red Capsule.

SCOTCH WHISKY.

A. Thorne's Blend, White Capsule.

B. Watson's Glenorchy Melange, Blended Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark.

C. Watson's Aberlour-Glenlivet, Red Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark.

D. Watson's Special Blend, the Finest Scotch Malt Whisky, Violet Capsule.

E. Watson's Very Old Liqueur, Scotch Whisky, Gold capsule.

IRISH WHISKY.

A. John Jameson's Old Green Capsule.

B. John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule.

C. John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule.

GENUINE BOURBON WHISKY, fin Old, Red Capsule, with Name.

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A. Fine Old Tonic, White Capsule.

B. Fine Unadesweetened, White Capsule.

C. Fine A. V. H. Geneva.

RUM.

Fine Old Jamaica, Vieux.

Capsule.

Good Leeward Island... \$1.00 per Gallon.

LIQUEURS.

Benedictine Maraschino.

Curaçao.

Chartreuse Dr. Siegert's Angostura Bitters.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 27TH, 1890.

The total number of immigrants whose passages had not been paid by themselves arriving at Singapore and Penang from the 1st January last, to the 15th November was 13,332 against 20,163 in the corresponding period of 1889. This falling off is likely to be further increased by a decision of the Court of Appeal to the effect that it is illegal to detain such immigrants in the depot, in consequence of which the business of importing coolies has of course become much more risky.

The scarcity of labour is causing serious inconvenience in the southern colony, and a Commission was some months ago appointed to report on the subject. This Commission is still pursuing its inquiry, but the decision above referred to was deemed of such importance that the following resolution was passed at a meeting of the Commission held on the 16th November last:—That

the recent decision of the Court of Appeal which has shown it illegal to detain immigrants in the depot has seriously interfered with the importation of coolies, and that to prevent the cessation of

importation it is desirable at once to amend the law so as to restore the conditions previously believed to exist, namely that the words "whose passage has not been paid" shall mean "not been paid by the immigrant himself," such immediate alteration of the law as to be without prejudice to any ultimate conclusion to which the Commission may come after consideration of the whole subject of Chinese immigration." On the 16th December a question was asked in the Legislative Council on the subject, in reply to which it was stated, that the Government had had the subject of amending the law under careful consideration, that the Governor had lost no time in communicating with the Secretary of State on the subject and that so soon as the instructions of the Secretary of State were received the Council would be informed. The falling off in the emigration from this Colony is in some degree responsible for the dullness of trade from which we have of late been suffering and the decision of the Secretary of State on the point raised by the ruling of Straits Court of Appeal will therefore be watched with some interest locally. If the system which has now been declared illegal is shown to have been attended with grave abuse it cannot of course be continued, and a coolie who on arrival at Singapore has the cost of his passage to work off must more or less be at the mercy of his creditor. Instances of ill-treatment in the Straits have, however, been rare, the protection afforded by the Government being very substantial. It is true that, occasional cases of kidnapping have cropped up in this Colony, which go to show that there is an inducement to take men down to the Straits against their will, but if the improved system of examination of emigrants recommended by the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce were adopted, abuse in connection with emigration would be rendered still more difficult than they are under the present state of the law, while the labours of the Commission now sitting at Singapore will no doubt result in a further strengthening of the law there for the protection of the immigrant. Emigration to the Straits is attended with such benefit both to the Settlemens and to the coolie that it would be unfortunate if unnecessary difficulties were thrown in its way. There are comparatively few of the coolie class who are in a position to pay their own passage, and if the amount is to be advanced by others it is essential that the law should provide some reasonable security for the advance over and above the means afforded for the recovery of an ordinary debt on a war cylinder.

KRUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS."] LONDON, 23rd December.

SEVERE WEATHER IN ENGLAND. Snow, frost, and thick fog have prevailed in London for five days. The Trent, Severn, and Upper Thames are frozen over.

[FROM HONGKONG PAPER.] LONDON, 16th December.

Silver securities are advancing and rising in New York owing to the belief that prospects are favourable for legislation. Senator Sherman will introduce into the Senate on behalf of the Republican Caucus, after conference with the Hon. W. Windom, Secretary of the Treasury, a bill providing for the purchase of the surplus silver bullion, valued at twelve millions, and the issue of one hundred millions two cent bonds for the purchase of bullion, when required in order to make good retirement of National Bank notes and the re-coining of the dollar.

LONDON, 17th December.

The Caucus having discussed Senator Sherman's bill regarding the purchase of the surplus silver, decided to postpone the proposal to issue two cent bonds for the one hundred million.

[FROM "HONGKONG GAZETTE."] FODDERCRAST, 2nd December.

DISGRACEFUL SCENE AT THE EXPOSITION OF ST. FRANCIS. XAVIER AT GOA.

Monsieur Noyer, Governor of Pondicherry, left by the mail train this morning for Goa, via Arakan, to be present at the Exposition of Saint Francis Xavier. His Excellency was attended by the commandant of the station.

ROMHAY, 4th December.

The St. Francis Mass—An employe of the Malabar Prospecting Company newly arrived from Rabah says that as he left Mr. Bishop he said "something rich." While we are anxious to know what he meant.

The Agent informs us that the O. & O. steamer Cacilia with American sailors to the 6th inst. left Yokohama for this port at 5 p.m. yesterday.

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St. Francis Xavier was expd for veneration at Goa yesterday. There was a great ceremony, conducted by the Patriarch Archishop of Goa, assisted by eleven other bishops, over there was a great crush, resulting in a disgraceful scene. The feet of the Saint, which were exposed, were covered till order had been restored in the dense crowd. One child was crushed to death.

It has been reported that in Russia the field for agricultural labour is now being supplied by the Chinese.

The Northern Territory Times of the 12th inst. reports that the Chinese tributaries on the Amak Phillips River, in the interior of Manchuria, are said to be exceeding ill health, and are

transcaped about one hundred Chinese families have settled which were imported from Kuldja.

A visitor who has made a name for himself lately is on his way hither. Lord Curzon, the late Governor of Madras, arrived in Singapore on the 1st inst. in the Pekin and was to go to Java the next day, according to a Ringo contemporary, thence proceeding via Hongkong, Japan, and America to England.

The Foochow Echo says that H. E. Chang, who was once head of the Board of Foreign Affairs, in the Imperial estate of Manchuria, has been appointed to the post of Minister of Foreign Affairs in the new Government of the Republic of China.

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It is reported that the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Cambridge, and the Duke of Connaught, are to be present at the opening of the new Parliament on the 2nd January.

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Because he refused to agree to Mr. Gladstone's motion, which was to have been voted below his brother, Mr. Gladstone offered a frank but frank substitute for Home Rule, but Mr. Parnell burst the bubble, which was a temporary scheme of reformative bribe to the leaders.

The Daily Chronicle considers that the main cause completes the disorganization of the opposition, and that it is now time to turn to Mr. Gladstone and Mr. John Morley. It shows the abject paralysis of Mr. Gladstone over the Irish Land question.

LONDON, 26th November, 2:40 p.m.

Archbishop Croke, of Cashel, considers Mr. Parnell's motion a most remarkable matter as between himself and the Right Reverend Bishop.

THE AFRICAN HORROR.

LONDON, 11th December.

Bonny, one of the members of the Emir Pasha's Legion, who was sent below the bridge, has been captured and is now a prisoner.

Mr. Gladstone, of Cork, confirms Stanley's statement respecting the terrible outrages committed by Major-General Jameson. He states that many of the natives were born and brought to death; and also affirms the truth of the report respecting the purchase of a slave girl, by Jameson, who gave her to the natives to eat in order that they might make a realistic sketch of the effects of the revolutions are causing intense excitement. The Press suggests the appointment of a Committee to investigate the whole history of this African expedition.

MURKIN'S REPLY TO MR. PARRELL.

LONDON, 11th December.

Mr. John Morley, having offered offices to the Government, has joined the party in the event of a Liberal ministry being formed, or having done anything to assist in the action in regard to the Irish Land Bill. He also declares that he never refused to assist the evicted tenants.

A member of the Irish party has offered to resign from the leadership of the party if Mr. Gladstone will give a pledge to occupy certain points in the next Home Rule Bill.

Mr. Gladstone, in a letter to the Gladstonian Liberal candidate for Bassettaw, declared that it was impossible that the Liberals would separate from the Home Rule party, and that his ultimatum only affected Mr. Parnell.

It is reported that Mr. Parnell has issued an ultimatum to Mr. Gladstone, in which he threatens to reveal the relation of the Gladstonian Liberals towards the Home Rule party unless Mr. Gladstone admits the accuracy of Mr. Parnell's account of the interview between Hawarden and Mr. Gladstone.

Mr. Michael Herlihy has been urged to oppose Sir John Ponsonby, Mr. Parnell's nominee for North Kilkenny.

Mr. Parnell has gone to Cork to consult his constituents.

The Foreign general secretary Mr. Gladstone's and Mr. Adair's despatch of the statement contained in Mr. Parnell's manifesto, and demand Mr. Gladstone's version of the Home Rule proposals, as well as a statement of his present intentions.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

London, 27th November.

The General Medical Council has awarded Professor Anderson Sturte's degree of Doctor of Medicine, thereby recognizing diplomas conferred by the Sydney University.

LONDON, 28th November.

The Church Association, which instigated the prosecution against the Bishop of Lincoln for alleged Episcopalian predilections, has failed to appeal to the Privy Council against the decision of the Archdiocese of Canterbury, which we regarded generally speaking, as favourable to Bishop King.

China proposes to allow manufacturing in bond for the purpose of export, admitting the raw material free.

The Austrian Minister of Commerce has under consideration a letter from the Melbourne Chamber of Manufactures, embodying suggestions for counteracting the effects of the McKinley tariff.

LONDON, 29th November.

A great storm has been occurring along the coast of Norway. Seventy sailing-ships were wrecked in the Lofoten Fjord, and the number of persons lost, 100 persons, were drowned. Many families of the coast have been rendered absolutely destitute, and are in a starving condition.

The Government of Portugal has repaid to the Netherlands the sum of £200,000 which it owed to the latter.

A French syndicate has purchased some mines on the Bright Goldfield, Victoria.

A rich belt of gold-bearing country has been discovered and prospected along the Umphal River, in South East Africa.

LONDON, 1st December.

Professor Hurley has vigorously attacked General Booth's scheme for the reclamation of the masses.

O'Donnovan Ross has been declared bankrupt.

The London Union has unanimously passed a resolution in favour of Imperial Federation.

It is estimated that the total amount intended to come to £1,000,000 £1 notes, probably on a silver basis.

LONDON, 11th December.

Sir Henry James has been awarded a life peerage.

Sir and McAlpine have been acquitted.

Dr. Koch has refused to accept of the reward offered him by the German Empire, compensation for the revelation of the secret of his consumption cure.

The R.R. of Jersey sailed for Sydney on the 5th Inst. The Countess of Jersey, who is rapidly recovering from her recent attack of typhoid fever, will follow in a few weeks time.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

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RETIRED.

The Japanese steamer *Mitsi Maru*, from Sasebo 10th Dec., had light trades and fine weather throughout.

The British steamer *Cyclone*, from Shanghai 21st Dec., and Swatow 24th, had strong N.E. winds and clear weather.

The British steamer *Japan*, from Calcutta 10th Dec., Penang 17th, and Singapore 20th, had moderate西南風 and fine weather.

The British steamer *Laurie*, from Liverpool, and Singapore 19th Dec., had light airs and fine weather to Paros; thence to port light monsoon.

The British steamer *Siamese*, from Karatsu (Japan) 20th Dec., had light south-westerly winds and fine. Steamer from Japan Coast to Lamu made from Lamu to port strong monsoon and cloudy weather.

The British steamer *Nasoya*, from Foochow 20th Dec., Amoy 23rd, and Swatow 24th, experienced variable winds and fine but cloudy weather at Amoy. From Amoy to Swatow light variable wind and fine, clear weather. From Swatow to Hongkong, fine and cloudy weather. In Foochow steamer *Theodore* and *Yung-fang*. In Swatow steamer *Siang-ki*, *Sunbeam*, *Diamond*, and *Yung-fang*. In Swatow steamer *Formosa*, *Seaham*, *Yulin*, and *Smith*.

The British steamer *Archie*, from Sydney 3rd Dec., Keppel Bay 6th, Townsville 8th, Cooktown 10th, and Thursday Island 12th, experienced moderate to strong E. and N.E. winds with high tides, and very rainy weather to Whitunday Place; then moderate wind and dull, cloudy weather to Port Darwin. One week later, when the tide had fallen, the weather was moderate to fresh monsoon, and cloudy weather.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH DECEMBER.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

EXCHANGE.

On LONDON.—

Telegraphic Transfer 3/4

Bank Bills, on demand 3/4

Bank Bills, 30 days' sight 3/4

Credits, at 6 months' sight 3/4

Documentary Bills, 6 months' sight 3/4

On PARIS.—

Bank Bills, on demand 4/2

Credit, at 1 month's sight 4/3

On GENEVA.—

Bank Bills, on demand 2/2

Telegraphic Transfer 2/2

Bank Bills, on demand 2/2

On NEW YORK.—

Bank Bills, on demand 2/2

Telegraphic Transfer 2/2

Bank Bills, on demand 2/2

On SHANGHAI.—

Bank Bills, 30 days' sight 2/2

Telegraphic Transfer 2/2

Bank Bills, on demand 2/2

On HONGKONG.—

Bank Bills, on demand 2/2

Telegraphic Transfer 2/2

Bank Bills, on demand 2/2

On MANILA.—

Bank Bills, 30 days' sight 2/2

Telegraphic Transfer 2/2

Bank Bills, on demand 2/2

On LIVERPOOL.—

Bank Bills, 30 days' sight 2/2

Telegraphic Transfer 2/2

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On BIRMINGHAM.—

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